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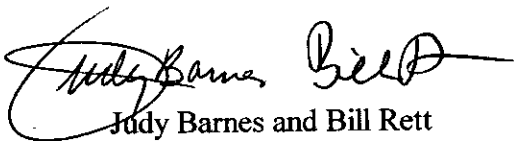
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Re: Opposition to the Yucca project

We the undersigned are writing to voice our opposition to the Yucca project.

- 1 This project violates the treaty of Ruby Valley signed by the government in 1863 which entitles the Western Shoshone to the land encompassing Yucca and the U.S. Nuclear test site in Mercury, Nevada.
- 2 The Yucca plan is illegal under the Nuclear Waste Act due to disqualifying factors including
- 3 hydrology (rainwater entering test holes) and socioeconomic factors (cattle grazing). In addition there is seismic and volcanic activity in the area which could pose a serious environmental threat should a seismic or volcanic incident occur.
- 4 We believe there is no entirely safe way to store nuclear waste and the best course of action
- 5 would be to stop producing nuclear power. However, given that nuclear waste already exists it has been shown that monitored, retrievable storage is a better alternative to an underground permanent repository.



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